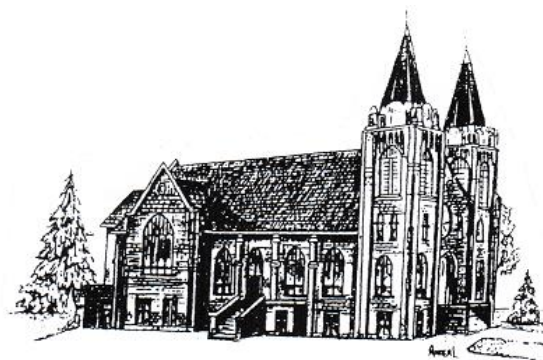


CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

15862 Co Rd 165, Watkins, MN 55389

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 19, 2016



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		Parish Council, Roger Utecht	253-9547
		Parish Council, Sandy Stang	764-2030
		Trustee, Mike Kuechle	685-3225
		Trustee, Mary Caskey	597-2854

MASS SCHEDULE

June 18	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	12 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Clara Stein
June 19	Sunday	{SN} 8:00 am	12 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Thanksgiving - LMS
June 20	Monday	{SA} 8:00 am	Weekday	
June 21	Tuesday	{SN} 8:00 am	St. Aloysius	+Holy Souls in Purgatory
June 22	Wednesday	{SA} 8:30 am	Weekday	
June 23	Thursday	{SN} 8:00 am	Weekday	+Don Molitor
June 24	Friday	NO MASS	Nativity of St. John the Baptist	
June 25	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	13 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parish
June 26	Sunday	{SN} 8:00 am	13 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Fr. Richard Walz

Weekend Masses at St. Anne’s in Kimball are Saturday at 5:00 pm and Sunday at 10:00 am.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday at 7:00 pm at St. Nicholas.
Weddings: Engaged couples should see the pastor at least 6 months before the planned wedding date.
Anointing of the Sick: Call the parish office for homebound or hospitalized visits.
Our website has important information, including the weekly bulletin! www.churchofsaintnicholas.com

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES				
	Eucharistic Ministers	Servers	Ushers	Lector
June 25 at 7:30 pm	Elmer Neu	Nathan Utecht Derek Utecht	Allen Stommes Tom Landwehr	Anita Neu
June 26 at 8:00 am	Don Dufner Jeff Theis Trish Ludwig	Luke Ludwig Maggie Ludwig	Ron Stang Paul Ludwig	Mike Kuechle

Assumption (Grasshopper) Chapel: The Annual Novena Masses for good weather and crops at the Assumption Chapel in Cold Spring will be held EVERY Thursday in May and June. Rosary will be at 7:00 pm with Mass at 7:30 pm. If the weather is bad, Mass will be held at St. Boniface Church in Cold Spring.



Thank you! A Big THANK YOU to the following people who gave up their Saturday morning to help trim the shrubs in the Cemetery: Ralph Schreiner, Elmer Neu, Betty Lutgen, Shirley Lutgen, Al Lutgen, Don Dufner, Steve Stang, Tom Frank, John Schutz, Robert Kraemer, Tim Rieland, Dale Lutgen, Donna Schwartz, Tom Schwartz, & Dave Stang. Also a special THANK YOU to Betty for preparing a lunch after the work was done! An EXTRA SPECIAL SHOUT OUT to Louise Schutz for her commitment to mowing the lawn! All the hard work has paid off, it looks great!! We very much appreciate your hard work!!

Stewardship of Treasure June 12, 2016					
Adult	\$XXX	(35 of 162 envelopes)	Peter's Pence	\$XXX (1 gift)	
Youth	XXX	(3 of 45 envelopes)	Rent	\$XXX	
Loose	XXX				
TOTAL	\$XXXXX				

Gospel Connection: In his book *Nine Essential Things I've Learned About Life*, Rabbi Harold S. Kushner recounts a sermon he gave one year at Yom Kippur on the subject of forgiveness. He suggested that just as we ask God to forgive what we might have done wrong in the past and can't be perfect, so we should forgive the people who have hurt us or offended us because they, too, are only human. The day after Yom Kippur, a member of the congregation came to the rabbi's office. She was very upset as a result of the sermon. She told him how her husband had left her several years ago for a younger woman and how, as a result, she had to work two jobs to pay the bills and put food on the table, and has had to explain to her children why they can't have the things that all their friends have. "And you want me to forgive him for what he has done to us?" The rabbi told her, "That's right. I want you to forgive him. Not to excuse him, not to say that what he did was acceptable. It sounds like it was a very selfish thing he did. But I want you to forgive him for your sake, not for his. Why are you giving him the power to define you as a victim? Why are you giving him the power to define you in terms of what you don't have, a husband and an adequate income, instead of what you do have, a warm and loving home and two beautiful children? Do you realize what you are doing? For six years, you've been holding a hot coal in your hand, looking for an opportunity to throw it at him. And for six years, he's been living comfortably with his new wife [and] you've burned your hand. Think of it this way: If he is no longer living in your house, why are you letting him live rent-free in your head? He doesn't deserve that. He doesn't deserve the energy you waste on being angry at him. You can evict him anytime you choose to. You can take away his power to push your buttons and make you feel sorry for yourself."

Anger that "possesses" us, obsession with punishing those who hurt us, self-pity and fear that paralyze us are the "unclean spirits" that displace the things of God in our lives. Only in a spirit of gratitude for the blessings of our lives rather than being driven by our hurts and disappointments can we "exorcise" the "Legion" of demons that rob us of hope, of joy, of peace; only in embracing the Jesus' demanding and humbling spirit of reconciliation and mercy can we rise from the "tombs" we have dug for ourselves and make our lives new and whole in the love of God.

“Fishers of Men” Fish-a-thon: A new, unique Fishing Contest to support young men entering the seminary. The entry fee (\$15 for youth, \$30 Age 13 and older, or \$35 online) is a donation to the seminary students. Fish any body of water from Friday, July 8 at Noon to July 9th at 3 pm. Take a photo of your fish with the provided ruler. Photos will be shared at the Great Blue Heron at 3 pm on Saturday, July 9th with a slide show and prizes will be awarded. For more information and registration, go to www.catholicfoundation.info.com.

Bishop’s Charitable Golf Tournament: This tournament will take place on Monday, June 27th at Territory Golf Club in St. Cloud. Join Bishop Kettler for golf, hole contest, prizes and food. Parishioners are welcome to register their own 4-member teams (\$75/golfer). All proceeds go to “Generation Next” a fund for diocesan youth programs and retreats. Register at www.catholicfoundation.info or call Alice Coudron at 320-258-7656.

Powerful Tools for Caregivers: Join us on Thursday mornings from 9 – 11:30 am at the Kimball United Methodist Church starting July 28th through September 1st to learn about taking care of yourself, while caring for an adult family member or friend. To register (by July 21st), please contact Cathy Phillips at 398-7700, ext 335 or for more information, contact Mike Lamb at 320-348-2322. See the bulletin board in the back of the church for a brochure.

St. Nick Baseball: The St. Nicholas Amateur team will play their next game in Luxemburg on Sunday, June 19 at 2 pm.

Readings for the Week: Monday, June 20th: 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18 / Mt 7:1-5
 Tuesday, June 21st: 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36 / Mt 7:6, 12-14 Wednesday, June 22nd: 2 Kgs 22:8-13, 23:1-3 / Mt 7:15-20
 Thursday, June 23rd: 2 Kgs 24:8-17 / Mt 7:21-29 Friday, June 24th: Is 49:1-6 / Act 13:22-26/ Lk 1:57-66, 80

Community Events:

- St. Anthony Thrift Store in Watkins has a large variety of clothing, household goods, craft items, books, toys & more. Located in the Church Basement. Open Thursday & Saturday mornings from 9:00 am to Noon. Come and check it out!
- Saturday, June 18th: The 39th Annual MunichFest at the Immaculate Conception Church Grounds in New Munich. Food, Beverages and games start at Noon, Parade at 2 pm with more events following. Outdoor Polka Mass at 8 pm, live music follows with raffle.
- Sunday, June 26th: St. Anna Church Bazaar. Mass at 10am, Chicken & ham dinner 11 am to 2 pm, Live music 1 – 5 pm, raffle, quilt raffle, gun raffle, games & amusements all day.

Prayer for Fathers

O Lord, I pray for manly virtue, that I may fulfill my vocation: to be an anchor of strength and love for my wife and children, overcoming impulses of pride and selfishness; to guide and form my children well, first of all by my own example, finding the right balance between tender affection and firmness; to be a man of principle and charity in the work-place, quick to smile and always diligent in my responsibilities; to be a man of prayer and the sacraments, a faithful follower of Your Gospel in the midst of my parish. In all these things and more, O Lord, may I be a good steward of the countless blessings You have bestowed on me. Amen.

Happy
Father's
 Day

